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MACHINERY PLANTS INCREASE PRODUCTION

RIGA PLANT FULFILLS 1948 PLAN -- Sovetskaya Latviya, No 211, 5 Sep 48

The Riga Scales Plant has completed the 1948 gross production and quantitative production plan. Production of Gloriya and Beranzhe scales has doubled as compared with 1947. Production costs have decreased by 23 percent. Gloriya scales cost 1,375 rubles in 1947 and now cost 666 rubles. The cost of Beranzhe scales has decreased by more than 50 rubles.

Sovetskaya Latviya, No 219, 15 Sep 48

The "Krasnyy Metallist" Plant of Riga fulfilled the year plan on 10 September. During the remaining period of the year, the plant will produce various agricultural machinery, stove fixtures, scales, ironware, and other products, amounting to 700,000 rubles.

MACHINE-BUILDING PLANT SHOWS PROFIT -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 214, 9 Sep 48

The Rutchenkovo Machine-Building Plant imeni Khrushchev has been operating without a state subsidy for several years and is working at a profit for the government. The plant has decided to make an additional profit of 900,000 rubles by the end of the year.

The mechanical, electrical, and boiler shops have been placed on a cost accounting basis.

At present, cost accounting procedures are being introduced in the other shops.

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**PIPE FOUNDRY RESTORED -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 194, 29 Sep 48**

Restoration of the Mogilev Pipe Foundry imeni Myasnikov has been completed. The pipe casting, sheet rolling, galvanizing, and machine shops have been put into operation. The enterprise has now reached its prewar capacity level.

**PLANT LOWERS PRODUCTION COST -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 214, 9 Sep 48**

Last year the plant imeni 15-Letiya LKSMU (in the Ukrainian SSR) had an 8-million-ruble loss. Steps were taken to rectify this situation and lower production costs. As a result, plant production for the past 7 months has been considerably above plan, and an extra profit has been attained. The plant has produced 8.4 percent more elevators than were provided in the plan, 16.3 percent more electric winches, 14.2 percent more spare parts, and 13.6 percent more of various other equipment. The plant has accumulated 4,344,000 rubles above plan.

**MASS PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC TRACTORS BEGINS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 225, 22 Sep 48**

The Sverdlovsk Motor Repair Plant has turned out two experimental electric tractors. The plant is now preparing for mass production of these tractors. The first consignment will be sent to the Korsum'-Shevchenkovo MTS in Ukraine in January 1949.

**RECONSTRUCTED PLANT PRODUCES DRILLS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 225, 22 Sep 48**

The newly reconstructed "Barrikady" Plant in Stalingrad has initiated mass production of drilling machines. Production is increasing every month. The drilling machine may be moved easily from place to place and may be used in all forms of geological strata and at any time of the year. It takes only 8 days to assemble this machine, whereas a month and a half is required to assemble the existing cutters.

**PIPE ROLLING PLANT STARTS PRODUCTION -- Turkmeneskaya Iskra, No 181, 11 Sep 48**

Construction of the Sumgait Pipe-Rolling Mill is going full speed. The foundry and open-hearth-furnace shops are now being prepared for operation and assembly of two open-hearth furnaces was started recently. Blast furnaces, drying furnaces, and heat treatment furnaces are being put into operation in the casting shop. The ventilation system and mechanized sand-conditioning installations are being assembled at present. The plant is already producing steel and cast-iron fittings for the open-hearth furnaces, spare parts, equipment, and instruments for the Dnepropetrovsk, Chelyabinsk, and Nikopol' Pipe Rolling Mills.

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**HEAVY DROP HAMMERS PRODUCED AT STARO-KRAMATORSK -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 221, 17 Sep 48**

The workers of the Machine-Building Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze at Staro-Kramatorsk have organized the production of 3-ton pneumatic-steam drop hammers. The plant has already built four of these machines. One hammer has been received by the Kharkov Tractor Plant; two have been shipped to "Uralsmashstroy" (Ural Machine Construction) and "Aztekhshabneft" (Azerbaijani Technical Petroleum Equipment Supply).

The machine builders have now begun the production of a 5-ton hammer, which will operate at a pressure of 7 - 8 atmospheres. Its over-all weight is 150 tons, while its height exceeds 6 meters.

**MACHINE-BUILDING PLANT COMPLETES PLAN -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 189, 22 Sep 48**

The Bobruysk Machine-Building Plant imeni Stalin completed its annual plan 2 months and 13 days ahead of schedule. The value of machinery produced this year was 1,726,000 rubles greater than the value of that produced during the comparable period in 1947.

**"REZ" PLANT INSTALLS NEW PROCESSES -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 224, 21 Sep 48**

The "REZ" (Riga Machine-Building) Plant recently put into operation an iron-casting cupola furnace and a copper-smelting furnace which were prepared and assembled by the workers at the plant, and which supply a considerable part of the plant's needs for cast iron and nonferrous castings. In the last few months, the plant started production of electric engines for streetcars, control boards, relays for suburban electric trains, and other electrical apparatus.

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